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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0037] as follows:

[0037] Referring also to Fig. 3, tandem wheel arm 47, and therefore gauge wheels 43 and press wheel 48, is connected to planting unit frame 37 via a gauge wheel arm 56. Gauge wheels 43 and press wheel assembly 35 are thus suspended independently of opener discs 40. Each gauge wheel arm 56 includes a lower segment 58 that is pivotally connected to the middle of ~~press wheel 48~~ tandem wheel arm 47 at a joint 65. Gauge wheel arm 56 further includes an upper segment 60 defining an upper gauge wheel arm end 66. Upper segment 60 is integrally connected to lower segment 58 at an elbow 70 that defines a fixed angle between lower and upper segments 58 and 60. Elbow 70 is pivotally mounted onto frame 37. Vertical translation of gauge wheels 43 or press wheel 48 relative to frame 37 causes the tandem wheel arms 47 and corresponding gauge wheel arms 56 to pivot about elbow 70, thereby causing the upper ends 66 to translate forwardly and rearwardly.

Please amend paragraph [0049] as follows:

[0049] A void 154 having a rectangular cross-section extends longitudinally through front end wall 140 and arced side wall 152. Void 154 is sized to loosely receive housing 126. A cylindrical aperture 156 extends vertically through the arced sections ~~136~~ 152 of upper and lower walls 142. Aperture 156 has a diameter substantially equal to the diameter of aperture 134. A pair of wings 158 extends laterally outwardly from rectangular portions 150 of side wall 148. Each wing 158 includes a leading edge 159 that extends laterally outwardly from side wall 148. A trailing edge 160 is disposed rearwardly from leading edge 159, and is angled forwardly from a first end 162 proximal side wall 148 to a distal end 164.